

Small crowd shows for candidate debate

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The panel of candidates outnumbered the audience at Tuesday afternoon's debate between the students running for positions on the Incidental Fee Committee and the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council.

Nine of the 12 candidates in the race for the Incidental Fee Committee seats appeared for the afternoon debate, held in the EMU, while three of the four ASPAC candidates attended. Christopher Beauchamp, William Odegaard, David Sprecher and Becky Bilyeu did not make the event.

The audience turnout was sparse, however, with only about 10 students coming to hear the candidates and to present the panel with questions following a brief introduction and platform period.

One member of the audience, Adam Apalategui, currently an IFC member, raised the issue of the South Africa divestment lawsuit, to which the IFC has contributed about \$20,000 toward the case and may allocate further funds to its appeal.

James Phelps, ASPAC candidate, said that while he opposed the South African government's practice of apartheid, he wasn't sure that University students should be contributing to a lawsuit against it.

On the other hand, James Randall, a "non-traditional" student running for IFC, said he supports the IFC's continued funding of the lawsuit, but

suggested putting future funding before the student voters for their approval.

Lori Lieberman, also an IFC member, asked the candidates to what extent they believe the committee should consider the ASUO Executive's recommendations during the budget hearing process.

IFC candidate Cindi Kim said she believes the Executive's input is important but decisions on the programs' funding ultimately should be left up to the fee committee.

Kim Fuson, another IFC candidate, said the Executive serves an important "check and balance" function to the IFC and provides an additional perspective into the budgeting process.

Another current IFC member, Ryne Jackson, asked the candidates if the University administration or the students should be responsible for funding minority student outreach.

Michael West, ASUO program director and IFC candidate, said students can help pay for outreach through fundraising, which the Save Our Sisterhood group is using to pay for its minority recruitment trip in Portland.

The debate, presented in Room 101 EMU, was the first in a series of six such forums to be held through the coming election weeks. Candidates for ASUO president and vice president will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Carson Hall cafeteria.

Plaintiffs refuse waiver

Penk negotiations persist

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The state is not trying to take the homes away from the 22 plaintiffs in the \$33.1 million sex discrimination lawsuit against the State Board of Higher Education, said an assistant attorney general Tuesday.

Plaintiffs in the trial, believed to be the longest federal civil trial in Oregon history, have expressed fear that they will be charged with the majority of the court costs. The state spent about \$2.9 million defending the state board since April 1980 when the lawsuit was filed.

The attorney general's office offered to waive all court costs after the conclusion of the trial, but the plaintiffs declined the offer, said Jerry Litz, assistant attorney general. The attorney general's office wanted a healing process between the faculty women and the state to begin and believed waiving all court costs would be an effective way to show good will, Litz said.

"That proposal which was intended to heal was rejected," Litz said. "Instead, they raise the specter of the state coming in to sell their houses."

The plaintiff's attorney, Don Wilner of Portland, could not accept the attorney general's offer because it would put him in a conflict of interest with his clients, said Ruth Waugh, an unsuccessful plain-

tiff in the case. Waiving the court costs cast doubt upon whether Wilner would be paid by the plaintiffs, she said. Wilner recommended the plaintiffs consult another attorney on the matter, she added.

Several of the plaintiffs have consulted another attorney since the conclusion of the trial, Litz said.

Wilner said he could not comment on any matter concerning the trial under the ethics rules of the U.S. District Court.

After Dave Frohnmayer, attorney general, and William Gary, deputy attorney general, offered to waive the court costs, Wilner filed an ethical complaint with the Oregon Bar Association, Litz said.

Although the complaint stated that Frohnmayer and Gary's offer put Wilner into a conflict of interest with his clients, it did not cite any rules that had been violated, Litz said.

"This is part of a campaign to raise the specter of the state as a hard-nosed entity," Litz said. "Why they find it better to generate this publicity than have the funds waived, I don't know."

Because the state's offer to waive court costs was rejected, U.S. District Judge Helen Frye will decide how the costs will be assessed. Frye is expected to rule on the matter within the next two weeks.

CIA protesters arrested

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — More than 170 protesters were arrested Tuesday in carefully choreographed demonstrations as they tried to interfere with CIA recruiters on the University of Colorado campus.

Wearing white armbands, the protesters gathered outside Willard Hall, where the CIA recruiters were interviewing students. They made short speeches denouncing the CIA, then were arrested as they approached the building in groups of three or four.

More than 100 people had signed up in advance to attempt citizens' arrests of the five recruiters. Tuesday was the first of three days of CIA interviews with about 170 students.

The demonstration ended in late afternoon, shortly after the interviews were completed for the day, and 172 people were arrested, campus police said.

Both sides knew what parts they were to play. The choreography was arranged beforehand by police and protesters. The protesters each got a turn at the

microphone, then walked up the path while onlookers applauded. Police warned them to go no farther, and when they took another step they were arrested and taken inside the building. The crowd sang protest songs and volunteers handed out tiny American flags.

The demonstrators were taken to university police headquarters, issued summonses and released, said campus police Sgt. Dave Evans. All were accused of "attempted interference with faculty and staff and students of an educational institution," a misdemeanor, he said.

The demonstration was organized by Community in Action, a coalition working to end what it calls illegal and covert CIA activity in Central America.

The group asked Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter last week to indict the recruiters for alleged criminal involvement in Central America. When he refused, the coalition worked with authorities on planning the citizens' arrests.

James Watt is back in the saddle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two years after declaring that Indian reservations demonstrated "the failures of socialism," former Interior Secretary James G. Watt is peddling business deals among tribal leaders.

Watt also is traveling the lecture circuit, praising the "Reagan revolution" and rebuking the press and Eastern liberals. He averages three or four speeches a week, and is especially popular on college campuses, his agent says.

Watt charges \$10,000 these days for speaking his mind, something that cost him his Cabinet post in October 1983.

Watt is partner with Roy H. Sampsel, a

former assistant interior secretary for Indian affairs, in a firm called First Americans Co. which promotes development projects on Indian reservations.

Watt and Sampsel are negotiating with Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians for an oil and natural gas project on the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming. If the deal goes through, Watt says, tribal income would increase \$100 million in one year.

Some Indian leaders are wary of doing business with Watt, whom they remember not only for his "failures of socialism" remark but the Reagan administration's cuts in federal aid to tribal governments.

Progressive Agenda endorses candidates

The Students for a Progressive Agenda party is endorsing two new candidates to recently enter the ASUO elections races.

Receiving an SPA endorsement is Becky Bilyeu, a freshman pre-journalism major running for the Student University Affairs Board journalism seat. Bilyeu, a practicum student at the Women's Referral and Resource Service, is a write-in candidate for the seat.

In addition, Ann Marie Piazza, a fine arts major who has worked with the WRRS, has received the SPA's approval for SUAB's fine arts/economics/architecture and applied arts position.

Bilyeu is currently running for a position on the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council but may withdraw from that race to support Piazza, says SPA member Sherri Schultz.

Student group sponsors measure against pornography, exploitation

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Students Against Rape, Pornography, and the Exploitation of Children are sponsoring Ballot Measure 2, the anti-pornography measure.

The measure states: "We the students of the University of Oregon urge all elected representatives to take measures (consistent with constitutional law) to curb the production and distribution of: 1. Child pornography; 2. Pornography which depicts violent acts in a positive manner. We also encourage stiffer penalties for those convicted of producing and selling pornography featuring children under the age of consent engaged in sexual acts."

Michael Cross, a member of SARPEC, said the measure is "aimed at just showing the grass roots support for this kind of legislation."

Cross said that 1,200 petition signatures have been gathered, 431 more than needed to qualify the proposal for the ballot.

Cross cited examples to demonstrate the seriousness of child pornography and pornography that depicts violent acts. He said that child molesters show examples of child pornography to poten-

tial victims and say, "If they can do it, so can you."

Cross also said that pornography promotes rape by depicting women appearing to enjoy being raped.

The notion that pornography provides a release for people who would act out their fantasies if pornography weren't available is a myth, Cross said. This idea is comparable to achieving peace by having people read material that makes war seem pleasant for both the attacker and the victim, he said.

The measure extends to magazines primarily available in adult bookstores. Cross said that magazines such as Playboy generally are not offensive to students, and that the proposal would have lost support if this type of material had been included.

Cross doesn't have any doubts that the measure will pass. He adds that when it does, the results of the election will be sent to various legislatures.

"They'll see that the students, young people, are also concerned with this problem," he said.

University students will vote on the measure in the general election, April 24-25.

Weaver to discuss financial aid cuts Friday

Rep. Jim Weaver and Ed Vignoul, director of the office of financial aid, will speak in support of continued financial aid at a noon rally Friday in the EMU courtyard.

"The Reagan administration's proposed cuts in financial aid will affect approximately 3,500 of the University's 15,000 students," said Vignoul.

Reagan's proposed cuts would halt aid to 485 students who now receive federal assistance and deny Guaranteed Student Loans to 750 University students, Vignoul said.

The rally is designed to demonstrate students' determination to resist further cuts in student aid, said ASUO President Julie Davis. It is not fair to deny thousands of students access to higher education solely because of financial need, she said.

"It is unconscionable to even consider such cuts and we must raise awareness of their full effects among the student body," Davis said. "Although the issue is non-partisan, I think that these proposals typify the unthinking priorities of this administration."